



## “Clean Streets = Clean Streams”

Keep Rockland Beautiful’s Fall Waterways Cleanup campaign highlights the link between the purity of Rockland’s water supplies and the way we handle waste.

**Storm Drains in Rockland County carry runoff directly to the nearest stream, lake, wetland, river, or reservoir.**

The storm drain is the physical link between land use and water quality. It diverts rainwater runoff from roads and parking lots into local waterways, so as to prevent flooding and accidents. Unfortunately, as water travels to a storm drain some unsavory characters often “hitch a ride.”

Cigarette butts, trash, gasoline and oil, lawn chemicals, road salt and dirt are just some of the contaminants that turn innocent “runoff” into “non-point-source” water pollution, clogging drains, degrading ecology and threatening water quality, wildlife and public health.



Volunteer to do a litter cleanup or to get out and mark storm drains in your area.

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### Ten Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides; learn about *Integrated Pest Management*
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly